



October Colors in Niagara Falls, Boston, and Cape Cod

Tuesday, October 9th thru October 20th, 2018 – (12 Days, 11 nights)

Double \$2,809 (~~\$2,689~~) Single \$3,569 (~~\$3,449~~) Triple \$2,609 (~~\$2,489~~)

(\$120 DISCOUNT IF DEPOSIT RECEIVED BY 1/5/18 + \$100 travel vouchers for future travel)

\$200 deposit with registration

Additional \$500 due 7/15/18 per person

Final balance due 8/15/18

Depart: College of St. Mary – 7:00 A.M. Best Western, CB – 7:30 AM

Highlights include:

- 21 meals—7 Dinners, 3 Lunches, 11 Breakfasts
- Guided tours of Niagara Falls, Boston, Plymouth, and Cape Cod
- 3 hotels with 2-night stays
- Boat cruise to the base of Niagara Falls
- Niagara-on-the-Lake Winery Tour featuring “ice wine” tasting
- 2 Nights in a “Falls View” room overlooking Niagara Falls
- Dinner atop the Skylon Tower in Niagara
- Strawberry Fields Hydroponic Farm
- Vermont Maple Museum
- Salem Witch Museum
- Dinner at Boston’s Union Oyster House
- Plimouth Plantation and Jenny Grist Mill
- USS Constitution Museum
- 2-nights in a Cape Cod Resort in Hyannis
- Sand Dune Tour on Cape Cod
- 2 included dinners on Cape Cod
- Sandwich Glass Museum
- Hershey’s Chocolate World
- Amish Acres dinner and Round Barn Theater

PASSPORT IS REQUIRED

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DAY 1, Tuesday, October 9th – OMAHA – PORTAGE, IN: Enjoy the beautiful Fall Foliage as we drive through Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and into Ontario, Canada. We'll start as usual with our continental breakfast including hot coffee, orange juice and Petites' Pastries. With our usual breaks and stopping for lunch on our own, we arrive at our Best Western Plus in Portage, Indiana. We'll have dinner on our own tonight at a nearby restaurant. **B. (Breakfast included)**

DAY 2, Wednesday, October 10th – PORTAGE – NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO, CANADA: After breakfast at the hotel, we start our second travel day. We'll have lunch on our own before crossing into Canada at the **Blue Water Bridge** at Port Huron. Passports are Required! We check into the *Marriott on the Falls* hotel for a 2-night stay and enjoy dinner together with a view of the falls at **Element on the Falls**. **B.D. (Breakfast and dinner included)**

DAY 3, Thursday, October 11th – NIAGARA FALLS, CANADA AREA: After a full buffet breakfast at the hotel, our tour guide will join us to show us Niagara Falls' many attractions. We'll see the Falls up close, drive by the hustle and bustle of Clifton Hill, and enjoy a stroll along the promenade to see the famous *Floral Clock* ticking away time. Our guide will explain the natural history of the Gorge and Glen, the Old Scow and much more. All aboard for our boat ride to the base of the falls as the spray falls like a tropical rain! Then we head to *Niagara-on-the-Lake* for lunch on our own and some shopping in this pretty little village. Mid-afternoon we'll enjoy a private, guided tour of the *Pilliteri Winery* including the production and history of Icewine. The tasting includes three award-winning ice wines. Dinner tonight will be atop the *Skylon Tower* with yet another beautiful view of the falls. **B.D. (Breakfast and dinner included)**

DAY 4, Friday, October 12th – NIAGARA FALLS – ALBANY, NY: After a buffet breakfast, we depart for New York state to continue our tour. In the heart of the Finger Lakes wine country, on the northwest shore of beautiful Owasco Lake stands the enchanting *Springside Inn* where we'll enjoy lunch today. Afterwards, it's a very short drive to the *Strawberry Fields Hydroponic Farm*. Imagine a delicious strawberry suspended from the harm of pesticides or the inconvenience of plants grown in the ground. With the advancements of hydroponic farming, strawberries and other fruits and vegetables can grow in mediums other than soil, providing a unique picking experience and an unmatched taste that will keep you coming back for more. We'll enjoy refreshments, free tastings, and a jar of strawberry jam to take home! Our hotel tonight is the Hilton Garden Inn located in Albany. Dinner tonight is on our own at the onsite restaurant at the hotel. **B.L. (Breakfast and lunch included)**

DAY 5, Saturday, October 13th – ALBANY– SALEM – BOSTON: Another buffet breakfast, and we're on the road again. Our first stop today will be in Vermont, at the *Vermont Maple Museum*. A unique destination gift shop, they feature all kinds of maple products from syrups to candies, maple spread, maple cookies, and more. After a scatter stop for lunch, we make our way to Salem, Massachusetts, north of Boston. We'll visit the *Salem Witch Museum* which examines one of the most enduring and emotional events in American History...the Witch Trials of 1692. Visitors experience the drama of that dark time through thirteen life-size stage sets, figures, lighting and a stirring narration as they are witness to the web of lies and intrigue of the Salem Witch Hunt. Then it's just a short drive to our Boston area hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn in Waltham where we will stay for two nights. Dinner on our own this evening. **B.**

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DAY 6, Sunday, October 14th – BOSTON AREA: There will be an opportunity for Mass this morning for those who wish to attend. After we have all had breakfast at the hotel, we take the short drive to downtown **Boston** where we will be joined by our local tour guide. From Paul Revere's House to the Boston Tea Party Ship to the Old North Church, history is on every corner in Boston. Walk some parts of the **Freedom Trail**, Boston's premiere attraction. The Freedom trail is an actual red line painted on the sidewalks which links 16 of the most treasured sites. We will also visit the **USS Constitution Museum** and have a close-up photo opportunity of Old Ironsides, the oldest commissioned warship in the world. We will be on our own for lunch as we explore **Quincy Market** and **Faneuil Hall Marketplace**. Our dinner tonight is at the *Union Oyster House*, the oldest restaurant in Boston serving folks since 1826. **B.D.**

DAY 7, Monday, October 15th – BOSTON – PLYMOUTH – CAPE COD: After breakfast at the hotel, today we travel to Plymouth where we visit *Plimoth Plantation*, the living museum of the 17th Century. It is a centuries-old Wampanoag home site, it is townspeople speaking the poetic language of Shakespeare's England, and the sharp smell of gunpowder during a military drill. In the 1627 Pilgrim Village, talk with costumed role players who portray the Plymouth colonists ("Pilgrims") going about their daily lives. After lunch on our own at the Plentiful Café, we start our guided tour of *Plymouth* and area including **Forefathers Monument** and **Plymouth Rock**, sometimes called the Cornerstone of the Nation. Then we'll visit the Town Wharf, Burial Hill, Gov. Bradford Statue, Sparrow House, and Jenney Grist Mill. (Unfortunately, Mayflower II is undergoing restoration work, and will not be available for us to see.) Late afternoon we check into the *Cape Codder Resort and Spa* in Hyannis, MA, for a two-night stay. Tonight's dinner together is at the **Optimist Café** on Cape Cod. **B.D.**

DAY 8, Tuesday, October 16th – CAPE COD AREA: After a plated breakfast at our resort hotel, we head out to explore the **Cape Cod** peninsula. We travel historic ROUTE 6A, the Old King's Highway, a scenic byway winding through centuries of Cape Cod history. We'll see the Eastham Windmill, a Cape Cod Lighthouse, and drive through the Cape Cod National Seashore area. Sand dunes and the ocean surround us as we approach "Land's End" – **PROVINCETOWN**. We are now at the extreme tip of Cape Cod. Formerly known as the "Province Lands", the pilgrims landed here first before they decided to settle across the Bay in Plymouth. We'll take some time to enjoy the restaurants, shops, and galleries that make this artists/fishermen village so unique. After lunch on our own, we enjoy a *Dune Tour* where we ride along the shoreline of the protected lands of the Cape Cod National Seashore. Our guide will point out the "dune shacks" where famous artists and writers became inspired to create their art. Our dune tour driver will drop us off at the *Pilgrim Monument and Museum*, which commemorates the first landing of the Pilgrims in 1620. This 255-foot tower dominates the town and is the tallest granite structure in the United States. Our dinner this evening is in Provincetown at **Fanizzi's by the Sea**. **B.D.**

DAY 9, Wednesday, October 17th – CAPE COD – HERSHEY, PA: Once again we enjoy a plated breakfast at our hotel, and then head westward towards Hershey, PA. Only a few minutes away is the *Sandwich Glass Museum* where we'll see the permanent collections, as well as a glassblowing demonstration. We depart the Cape Cod area and travel to Connecticut for lunch at *Flanders Fish*, the largest full-service fish restaurant in the state. This afternoon we continue west into Pennsylvania, where we check into our Holiday Inn in Grantville, near Hershey. The hotel has two restaurants and a pub for dinner on our own. **B.L.**

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DAY 10, Thursday, October 18th – HERSHEY - STRONGSVILLE, OH: A buffet breakfast at the hotel will have us ready for a fun time at *Hershey's Chocolate World*. Three activities await us: **1) Hershey's Great American Chocolate Tour Ride**. Follow the cocoa beans on a journey from the tropical rainforest to Hershey, PA. See, feel, hear, and smell the delicious transformation from bean to Hershey's famous chocolate. **2) Enjoy a free sample.** **3) View the Hershey's Great Chocolate Factory Mystery in 4D Experience**. We'll interact with characters and help solve the mystery! And of course, we'll have time to shop for gifts and sweets. Afterwards, we'll head farther west to Bedford, PA for lunch at a 1760's historic landmark, the *Jean Bonnet Tavern*. A few more miles down the road will be Strongsville, Ohio, where we'll spend the night at the Holiday Inn. This full-service hotel has a restaurant for dinner on our own. **B.L.**

DAY 11, Friday, October 19th – STRONGSVILLE – NAPPANEE, IN: After our buffet breakfast, we head on west to Indiana. Lunch on our own will be at Das Dutchman Essenhaus in Middlebury, Indiana's largest restaurant serving home style American fare in a folksy setting. Just down the road a piece, we check into our hotel for the night at the *Inn at Amish Acres* in Nappanee, IN. We'll have some free time to browse the nearby shops with many handmade crafts and locally produced products, including a bakery full of old fashioned breads and cakes, a meat and cheese shop with souse, headcheese and buffalo meat, and a candy shop as sweet as it gets, along with an antique marble soda fountain. Tonight we'll enjoy the famous family style *Thresher's Dinner* in the Restaurant Barn. Then, sit back and relax as we hear the story of life and love on an Amish farm as cultures collide in the play "*Plain and Fancy*" in the 1911 *Round Barn Theatre*. **B.D.**

DAY 12, Saturday, October 20th – NAPPANEE – HOME: We depart for home today after a continental breakfast at the hotel. The end of a great trip with lots of great memories and some beautiful Fall scenery! Our watches will have to be set back an hour as we move into the central time zone. Lunch will be on our own along the way, but we'll want to eat light. Our farewell dinner tonight will be at the *Machine shed* in Des Moines, served family style. We should arrive back in the Omaha/Council Bluffs area about 7:00 PM. **B.D.**

*****Children under 13 yrs of age (non-teens) and staying in room with adult paying traveler - \$1,499 (\$1379 with \$120 discount if registered by 1/5/18) per child. This price is based on using the existing beds in the room – no cots or rollaways. Maximum four persons per room.**

*****Travel insurance available for this trip. Call us for details.**

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